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In my Father's house are many mansions I go to prepare a place for you.—John xiv; 6. What appropriate words tor consolation How delicate, how tender, how touching! According to late discoveries of astrono mers there are in our Nebulæ, the milky way, eighteen millions of stars. Of some of the more distant Nebulæ light would be some millions of years in reaching our earth. How vast! How inconceivably large is the universe of God! Who can measure it? Who can adequately conceive of it? Yet somewhere in the midst of this universe is a place prepared by the Saviour for his people. We may learn from the inspiration of this verse, it is an easy thing to die. It is going to a prepared place, a fitted up mansion, beautiful eternal home. Another thoughtthere will be surprise in heaven. "Eye hath not seen, neither hath it entered into the heart of man what God has prepared for then that love him."

Again, the ties of friendship and love are not broken up by death. Friends and kindred will be reunited in that better world, through death and the grave to prepare a place for us, and now by his spirit is preparing his people for the place. What everlast ing gratitude do we owe for what he has done what wilt then have me to do."

Within the window, framed in white, A maid is sitting, paseing fair, While sunbeams dance across her face. And play smid her golden hair.

Beside her, on the high-backed chair, A dish of ripe red apples stands; But fast their ruby coats they lose Before her busy, nimble hands.

The parings curl, and break, and fall, A rosy pile upon the floor : Miss Mollie, blushing, turns to see

And how re the folks at home to-day? Just take a sent ; I'm busy now : We all must work before we play

And faster still the dimpled hands Are skimming o'er the apples bright, While wrinkled parings tumble down,

She moves the knife, that ne'er a break Or blemish in the narrow stripe Her haste or lack of care may make

Uneasy in his chair close by Tail Jed is watching warily; And many a stolen glance from him Did pretty Mollie chance to see.

But now she jumps up from her seat, As if by love of mischief led, And holds aloft the twisting peel,

Now once, twice, thrice, she sweeps it round While Jed and she with laughter roar, Then throws it down to take its shape In reseate coils upon the floor.

The name the letter here begins Will sure my future husband be !

So, stooping down and looking close, She spies the homely letter "J. And hastily, but blushing deep,

But not too quick for happy Jed To read the secret in her face ; And stepping up he takes her hand. And says with homely warmth and grace.

Dear Mollie, what the Fates decree You surely will not dare deny! So shall not we, who love so well,

"I have no palace for my home. My name no empty glory rives

But I've a heart as true to you As any man on earth who lives. And, Mollie, I will work for you.

To bring new happiness and love To shed their light upon your way. And Mollie, blushing, hung her head;

But then she did not tell him "Nay And Jed, with heart brimfull of joy, Homeward rejoicing went his way. Red apples grew on Jed's good farm.

Which Mollie pared for many a day; But ne'er without the thought that Fate Had wisely made that apple "J."

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